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For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1896. [8

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THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [9

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 19th October, 1896. [31

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital£1,000,000
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HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

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Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893. [7

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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896. [27

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HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1897. [74

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [28

GENERAL NOTICE.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
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HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1886. [29

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED$1,000,000

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CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 26th May, 1904. [30

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

DURING my ABSENCE and until further notice Mr. MOWBRAY STAFFORD NORTHCOTE has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [191

THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the INTEREST of DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LIMITED, in the Business heretofore carried on by them at THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY CEASED and DETERMINED on the 14th instant.
Outstanding Accounts of DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LIMITED before the 14th instant will be PAID by the Undersigned who will also Collect and Receive all Accounts DUE to the said Firm.
The BUSINESS will be carried on in the future under the Style of "THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY."

For "THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY,"
J. R. CAPELL,
Manager.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [219

KUHN & KOMOR,

JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS,
21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG,
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and
36, DIVISION STREET, KOBE.

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Intimation.

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THE MANAGER,
MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.
Hongkong, 27th July, 1895. [24

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
JAPAN, &c.	*Java*	J. Chellew, R.N.R.	About 6th Feb.	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
SHANGHAI	*Rohilla*	F. Cole	About 7th Feb.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.	*Mirzapore*	J. F. Jephson	Noon, 11th Feb.	See Special Advertisement.
JAPAN	*Ancona*	W. D. Mudie	Noon, 12th Feb.	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
LONDON	*Canton*	A. G. Cubitt, R.N.R.	About 6th March.	Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1897. [5

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
SHIPCHANDLERS,
DECK AND ENGINE-ROOM STORES OF ALL KINDS.

HUBBUCK'S FIRST QUALITY PAINTS and OILS.
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FRESH WATER SUPPLIED.
CALL FLAG "R."
Hongkong, 11th November, 1896. [25

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A PERFECT TABLE WATER.

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CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. 14

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FLETCHER & CO.
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Intimations.

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W. JACKSON,
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Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. [22

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FOR THE
UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,
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Hongkong, 17th December 1895. [26

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For THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY CO.,
per C. CAMPBELL.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1897. [116

W. POWELL & CO.

FIRST DELIVERIES OF
LADIES' WHITE STRAW HATS,
NEW FLOWERS, FEATHERS AND RIBBONS.
&c., &c., &c.

W. POWELL & CO.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [19



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PALE ALE.

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SOLE AGENTS:—
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No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1897. [16

W. BREWER & CO.

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HAZELL'S ANNUAL, 1897.

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The Seven Seas, by Kipling	1.20
Taquisara, by Marion Crawford	1.20
Rodney Stone, by Conan Doyle	1.20
Doctor Nikola, by Boothby	1.20
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WHITAKER'S ALMANACK, 1897.

In and beyond the Himalayas, by S. J. Stone	$8.00
Stories of Everyday Life in Modern China, by Watters	2.00
Fifty Years Reminiscence in India, by Pollock	8.50
The Buddhist Praying Wheel, by W. Simpson	5.00
How to Train a Race Horse, by Warburton	2.00

Hongkong, 19th January, 1897. [18

Intimation.

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FROM THE CELEBRATED
COOLALTA VINEYARDS,
NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE COOLALTA WINES which we are introducing here for the first time give an unexceptional opportunity to Wine Connoisseurs to sample really HIGH CLASS AUSTRALIAN WINES of low alcoholic strength.

COOLALTA WINES cannot be surpassed for their absolute Purity, High and Even Quality, Bouquet, and soft delicate flavour; and, being the natural product of the grape, they are specially recommended by the Medical Faculty of New South Wales.

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SAMPLES may be had FREE on application to

W. O. CAMPBELL,
Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [245

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"JAVA,"
FROM LONDON AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From Madras, *ex* S.S. *Siva*.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 11th Instant at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1897. [5

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship
"PINGSUEY"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 12th instant, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on FRIDAY, the 12th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 12th instant, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1897. [247

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBRO', ANTWERP AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship
"MARIA RICKMERS"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 12th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on SATURDAY, the 13th instant.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 13th instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon TO-DAY.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1897. [248

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship
"HAILOONG,"
Captain Davis, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 6th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1897. [233

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.)

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KURACHEE, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE, FIUME AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT and ADRIATIC PORTS, to NATAL, EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH and CAPE TOWN.)

THE Company's Steamship
"MEDUSA,"
Captain G. Wallusching, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 11th instant,

Cargo will not be received on board after 3 P.M. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SANDER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1897. [134

To-day's Advertisements.



'Tis not in mortals to command success, but we do more—deserve it.

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CIRCUS.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Our First Grand Fashionable Evening.
Under distinguished Patronage. Dedicated to the Elite of Hongkong.

A RECHERCHE PROGRAMME.
SATURDAY AFTERNOON
OUR 2ND MATINEE
A Tidal wave of innocent enjoyment for the Little Folks.
Children and their attendants Half-price.
SPECIAL INVITATION
To all the Orphan Children of the Institutions in Hongkong.

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OUR GREAT SCOTCH NIGHT
A hearty welcome tae a coor Freens frae
BONNIE SCOTLAND
GRAND BOXING COMPETITION
for a
PURSE OF SILVER.
EXTRA ATTRACTIONS
SATURDAY NIGHT.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1897. [246

WANTED.

STUD GROOM to take charge of HORSES, Liberal Wages to Good Man.
Letters only,
BERT WILLISON,
Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1897 [249

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

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Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [427

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WINES
AND
SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

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BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure COGNAC, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1896. (6

MARRIAGE.

At St. George's Church, Penang, on the 26th ultimo, by the Rev. L. C. BIGGS, Colonial Chaplain, ROBERT HENRY MOUNSEY, of Bath Feringgi, to ALICE ENZER, of London.

DEATH.

On the 15th ultimo, at "Floraville," Kuala Pilah, Negri Sembilan, (Straits Settlements), CHRISTIE PALMERSTON, aged 47 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1897.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

ARBITRATION.

LONDON, February 3rd.

Venezuela has signed the Arbitration Treaty with Great Britain. The Right Hon. Farrer Herschell and Mr. Justice Richard Henn Collins, Q.C., have been appointed the British Arbitrators.

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE TRANSVAAL.

Lord Salisbury, speaking at Manchester, said that a permanent system depriving the majority of whites in the Transvaal of a share in the Government was impossible, and that no infringement of the London Convention would be permitted.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Peacock* is at Chemulpo.

Centurion dance postponed till to-morrow.

THE American and Indian mails are due to-morrow morning.

GRAND military concert at the Theatre Royal to-morrow at 9 p.m.

MEETING of shareholders in the Hongkong Ice Company at noon to-morrow.

THE British cruiser *Narcissus* has arrived at Nagasaki from Chemulpo, and the *Æolus* has left Shanghai bound for Hongkong.

THE Devonian Society's annual meeting and dinner has been postponed from Wednesday, 10th inst., until Tuesday, the 23rd inst.

MR. DE VICQ has been appointed Netherlands Consul-General at Singapore, and Mr. Huiding has been appointed Netherlands Consul at Penang.

LIEUTENANT John M. Reddie, 2nd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment, has been selected for appointment as Commandant of the Police in British North Borneo.

A SOLDIER of the West Yorks, charged at the Magistracy to-day with having assaulted a girl in Ladder Street, was remanded till to-morrow to allow him to procure witnesses.

THE West York's Regimental Sports will be held on the 10th and 11th of this month on this side of the harbour, *not at Kowloon* as was erroneously stated in our last issue.

H.M.S. *Rattler* has hoisted her "paying off" pennant and is being rapidly dismantled previous to her crew being turned over to the *Victor* to await an opportunity for being sent home.

THERE was a very fair attendance at the Circus last night. There will be a matinee at 4 o'clock to-morrow for the young folk and special attractions are promised for the performance in the evening.

VICE-ADMIRAL E. H. Seymour, Admiral-Superintendent of Naval Reserves, has been granted a year's extension of his appointment in order to assist in carrying out a scheme for improving the Naval Reserve.

THE Football and Cricket Clubs will try conclusions with the willow to-morrow, and as strong elevens have been picked the match should be a most interesting one. Tuadling commences at 11 a.m.

THE *Courrier de Saigon* reports that on the morning of the 24th ult. a disastrous fire occurred at Cholon, nearly 140 houses being destroyed. The local loss is estimated at over $1,000,000, only a fifth being insured.

OUR old friends of the Rifle Brigade are keeping up their reputation as entertainers in Singapore. Local papers speak in high praise of an entertainment they recently gave before their Highnesses the Sultan of Johore and the Sultana-Dowager.

FOUR of the members of the Circus Company are in hospital suffering from what is pronounced to be small-pox and one other member is under observation. The remainder of the troupe are medically examined daily and have all been vaccinated.

THE *Manchester Courier* states that in the course of another twelve months we are likely to witness a surprising development in trade between Great Britain and Siam. Orders not only for railway material, but for factory machinery, are expected in England shortly. It is worthy of note that the natives are showing astonishing eagerness to embark capital, though generally in small amounts, in undertakings which have for their purpose the manufacture of textile fabrics, paper, and other articles. Future consular reports from Bangkok and other Siamese towns will give particular prominence to this activity in the country. The people of Siam exhibit a great preference for English as compared with French produce.

YESTERDAY afternoon, at about half-past five, the body of a Chinese child, apparently of ten or twelve years of age, was seen floating in the harbour in the vicinity of the Kowloon wharves. The Water Police were informed and a boat was despatched to look for the body, but, darkness having set in, they were unsuccessful in their search.

FOR the purpose of taking guests to Admiral Sir Alexander and Lady Buller's "At Home" on the *Centurion*, boats will leave the Naval Dockyard at 8.45 *to-morrow* instead of to-night as formerly announced. Trams will leave for the Peak at 12.30 p.m., and 1.30 a.m., and a boat will leave the flagship for Kowloon wharf at 1 a.m.

THE Bombay Government has applied to the authorities here for the services of Dr. J. A. Lowson, Assistant Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital, to aid in suppressing the plague in Bombay. Dr. Lowson, who is on leave at present, did valuable work during the outbreak of plague here, and the experience he has had, together with the keen interest he takes in the science of his profession, should prove very useful in Bombay at this juncture.

A VERY large crowd of well-dressed Chinese filled the verandah at the Magistracy this morning, and an enquiry elicited the explanation that this was "cracker day." In other words, these people were law-breakers who were proceeded against for discharging fireworks outside the hours allowed by law at Chinese New Year time. The delinquents numbered about 400 and fines of $5 and $1 were inflicted, the lesser amount being demanded from those who offended outside the area.

THE *Depêche Coloniale* publishes the following interesting note on the troubled condition of Franco-Siamese affairs:—"There was reason to believe that the probability of war with Siam was seriously discussed in Indo-China, and that during his stay in Indo-China General Coronat had laid down the lines for such an expedition against Siam. It was with this object in view that the garrisons in the Mekong Valley were moved to Cochin-China and concentrated at Saigon. From a military point of view all precautions had been taken."

THE Chinese shops to-day begin to show a resumption of business after the New Year celebrations. In some places the quaint and gaudy decorations still remain and a few devotees of the finger-counting game are engaged as noisily as ever. As usual the new year has been honoured sartorially and there are few Chinese who have not donned some raiment for the occasion. Many of the more juvenile members of the male sex turned out in silk array of gorgeous colouring that bade fair to out-do even the glory of Solomon himself, and the airs the little fellows put on as they strutted along with cigar or cigarette in mouth were indeed a sight to amuse the gods.

A FUNNY story is told regarding the fitting of an outdoor clock in the Dockyard the other day. It seems that a workman had cut a place in the wall to fit the time-keeper into, and another individual happened along and sarcastically asked how the thing was to be wound after being fixed in position. The workman at once "saw" the point, and then, so the story goes, he proceeded to cut a hole through the wall, presuming the clock was to be wound from the back. He had got well through the job when to his disgust he found that the thing wound in front after all. That workman now believes more strongly than ever that folk should mind their own business.

THE two boys John Cruz, 15, and Antonio Baptista, 17, who were remanded till this morning for breaking into No. 130 Third Street and extracting therefrom a gold necklace, a gold locket, a diamond ring and a $1 note, of the total value of $61, the property of a Mrs. Luis were brought before Capt. Hastings at the Magistracy. They are alleged to have gained admission to the house by picking the lock and were arrested by Sergt. Williamson in Bridges Street on the 2nd instant. On being arraigned before Captain Hastings on the 3rd the first defendant, John Cruz, admitted his guilt, but the second pleaded not guilty and stated that the things were stolen by Cruz, who gave them to him. This morning Cruz was sentenced to 10 days' imprisonment and to be confined in the reformatory for 3 years, whilst Baptista was to find securities in $50 that he would be of good behaviour for 6 months or, in default, 10 days' hard labour. The sureties not being forthcoming this juvenile disciple of Bill Sykes was sent to prison.

OUR Canton correspondent writes:—On Tuesday last the members of the Custom Staff at Canton held their second "social gathering" of the season at their Club-house at Honam. Among the audience were most of the members of the Customs staff and several friends from the Shameen and Hongkong. The landing stage and the passage leading to the concert room was very prettily and brilliantly illuminated and the scene on entering the concert and ball rooms was simply charming. The programme was capitally arranged, one part of the evening being devoted to "tripping on the light fantastic" and the other to singing, toasting and speechifying. The versatile Mr. Barton scored tremendously with his comic songs "Round the Town" and "You've all been there before, you know," the audience going into fits of laughter and almost forgetting to encore him. But he was encored and kindly obliged with ditties that were highly appreciated. Great credit and profuse thanks are due to the members of the Club and to their painstaking Hon. Secretary for the very pleasant entertainment provided for such a large number of guests, all of whom seemed to enjoy themselves to their hearts' content.

UN PING and Pun Yau were charged before Capt Hastings this morning with unlawfully trespassing within the lines of the Hongkong Regiment at Tsim Sha Tsui yesterday. A fine of $25 each was inflicted with the alternative of 6 months' "retirement."

THE *Kobe Herald* says a rumour is abroad that, owing to the spread of plague in Bombay, the Japanese Government intends to forbid the import of raw cotton from that port. The *Asahi* has it on good authority that such a step will not be taken, but that stringent measures of disinfection will be enforced.

A TONQUIN journal calls attention to the steady increase in the output of coal at the Hongay mines. The sales of the coal have increased correspondingly. The Company working the mines has established a depot at Saigon, where the first cargo was sold before it was discharged. Shipments are also about to be made to Singapore and different Chinese ports where the coal has not yet been placed on the market.

THE guide piles placed in front of old Pedder's Wharf during the progress of the reclamation works are now being taken up by the dredger. Does this mean that the completion of this portion of the new sea wall is to be pushed forward vigorously at last? We have frequently called attention to the pestilential odours arising from the mud swamp which at present bounds the wharf on both sides at low water, and doubtless all persons frequenting this portion of the Praya would be glad to see it filled in.

THE Dell Lightship seems to be a misnomer as regards the "light." If what the *Singapore Free Press* hears is true, the light is out on more nights than it is in. Twice in a week is stated to be average, and in consequence of the uncertainty or absence of light two ships lately have run ashore, and a third nearly ran down the dark-ship itself. It does not speak well for the port authorities or their desire to facilitate trade, although their zeal for collecting port dues burns with a sixteen-thousand candle power.

THE following is the programme of music to be played by the West Yorkshire Band at the military concert (City Hall) to-morrow evening:—

1.—March..... "Lorraine"..... ...Canna.
2.—Overture..... "William Tell"..... ...Rossini.
3.—Euphonium Solo. "Schnsucht"..... Williams. (Musician Brown.)
4.—(a) Quartett from... "Iolanthe"..... } Sullivan.
(b) Madrigal from... "The Mikado" }
5.—Selection..... "Lohengrin"..... Wagner.
6.—Song (Comet Solo. "The Garden of Sleep" ...De Lara. (Musician Haley.)
7.—Descriptive Fantasia } "The Smithy in the Wood"...Michaelis. Interval.
8.—Grand Military Potpourri } "The Battle of Waterloo"...Eckersberg.

THE sea gulls or, as the Malays sometimes aptly term them, the "Wind Birds," have been in evidence in the harbour for the last day or two and this morning quite a large flock of them had collected and were poaching upon the preserves of our local scavengers, the kites, by pouncing upon whatever scraps of food were thrown overboard from the shipping. In this latitude the sea gulls seldom approach the shore except in rough weather, and so they are usually regarded by eastern fishermen as birds of ill omen. The Malays go so far as to state that the gulls bring bad weather and hence the name of "Wind Bird" which they give to them.

A MARINE engineer named James Edwardes is probably regretting now that he didn't answer to his name at the Magistracy on Wednesday for being drunk and disorderly. His bail $10 was entrented and P.C. McHardie went off the steamer *Kwong-hoi* and arrested Edwardes by warrant. On landing from the pinnace the prisoner went along until he reached Pun Lun's photographic studio, Queen's Road, when he evinced a burning desire to have his portrait taken. McHardie is an obliging sort of fellow, but he had to refuse in this case. Edwards declined to go any further unless he were photographed. The constable expostulated with him, and in reply received a blow from the prisoner's stick and also a couple of kicks. It is with this sort of man that McHardie is quite at home and he soon had him well under way for the Central. This morning Captain Hastings fined the culprit $20 for being drunk and disorderly and a like sum for assaulting the constable, the alternative being 2 months' in each case.

ODD VOLUMES SOCIETY.

MR. CHRISTIAN'S LECTURE.

Mr. F. W. Christian, who will read what promises to be a very interesting paper at a meeting of the Odd Volumes Society in the Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, on Monday next at 5.15 p.m., the Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart in the chair, kindly informs us that he will explain to his audience how he solved the mystery of the ruins of Ponapé, in the Eastern Carolines. He will also give some information respecting local traditions and folklore, sketch the history of Ponapé from the date of the Spanish occupation in 1887 up to the present time, including glimpses of the fighting there between the Spanish troops and native tribes and the horrible massacre of Ensign Martinez and his party on Chokach Island. Mr. Christian will also have a number of interesting relics on view in the lecture room and will give a series of magic lantern views illustrating scenes on Ponapé and the famous ruins to which considerable interest is attached by scientists generally.

A large number of invitations have been issued and we have little doubt that Mr. Christian will receive a hearty welcome by the Old Volumes and their friends.

Mr. Christian has written a series of sketches of his travels for the *Telegraph* and the first article will be published to-morrow.

THE WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES.

(*From a Correspondent.*)

Manila, February 1st.

I am as yet unable to advise the exact date of the general attack on Cavite, with which operation it is devoutly believed here that the rebellion will be quelled; always assuming that the Spaniards must come off victorious. But the ball will no doubt be set rolling in a few days, hence every available man has already been sent to the front and in Manila city the Volunteers are again doing patrol duty at night. It is said that General Polavieja himself will shortly be leaving for the seat of operations. The General is a believer in doing war "on the cheap" and is not going to use any artillery in the coming attack on Cavite. It is very doubtful whether the Spaniards will be able to take such strongly fortified places as Imus and Cavite at the point of the bayonet. However, the General fully realises that he is staking his reputation and his plan seems to be to send the Indian troops to the front to bear the first shock of the attack and then to drive it home and complete the victory with his Spanish reserves. It must be admitted that this is a very ingenious plan, but it remains to be seen whether it will have the desired effect.

THE DISAFFECTED PROVINCES.

There is a comparative dearth of news of what is transpiring in the disaffected provinces, yet the local Spanish papers are daily publishing accounts of skirmishes with the rebels in which the Spaniards would have the world believe that they had been always victorious. At any rate, the monotony of so many Spanish successes has been varied by a report which had been persistently circulated for the last two days, though flatly contradicted in official circles, to the effect that a Spanish camp at Carmona—a sort of half-way house between the provinces of Laguna and Cavite—was surprised at night and that the rebels killed over three hundred Spanish soldiers. Be this as it may, advices from Bulacan plainly show that the Spaniards are not having a triumphal march over all the provinces. In this particular place we are told that notwithstanding its occupation by a large Spanish force, the residents there carry their lives in their hands and that it is not considered safe for any Spaniard to go about, even in broad daylight, without a strong escort. It is also affirmed that the Spanish officials in Bulacan have discharged all their native servants and that Spanish soldiers have been employed in their stead. So great is the dread of a general massacre!

THE SITUATION IN MANILA.

The military precautions against a surprise are still vigorously enforced in Manila city. The inherent absurdity of the system of challenging passers-by does not seem to have struck anybody here, and pedestrians are challenged here night after night as merrily as ever. Only two casualties have so far been reported. Last week an officer carrying despatches was challenged by the sentry stationed at the Tramway station. The officer was driving in a *cowpd* and appeared not to have heard the challenge. The sentry fired, killing the coachman outright and wounding the officer. Last night a perfect volley was fired upon a steam-launch proceeding up river by the sentries posted on one of the bridges. The vessel turned out to be a Government launch and was carrying despatches to the front!

THE SEVERITY OF POLAVIEJA.

The repressive measures adopted by General Polavieja have not so far borne any fruit. Their advocates ought to be well nigh convinced of the inefficacy of the barbarous measures resorted to damp the ardour of the rebels. Of course it goes without saying that the execution of Dr. Rizal was ordered with the view of striking terror into the rebels' ranks and that the unfortunate medico was innocent of the charges brought against him.

It is affirmed here that the Spanish authorities are using torture in order to extract confessions from the political prisoners. It is impossible to ascertain the truth of this statement, but it is notorious that things are done here behind the scenes upon which the Spaniards would not dare to let in the light of publicity.

RIZAL'S WIDOW.

It will interest your readers to learn that Mrs. Rizal has joined the rebels at Imus. Everybody here is at a loss to know how she succeeded in crossing the liner. The stormy interview she had both with the Archbishop and the General on the day previous to that on which Dr. Rizal was shot, has gained for her the reputation of being a high-spirited and fearless woman. The civilized world will perhaps be pretty soon electrified with highly sensational accounts of the exploits of a modern Jeanne d'Arc.

WILL WIPE OUT CAVITE.

The Spaniards have decided to wipe out Cavite in every shape and form. Even the name of the province will suffer a change. It is said that in future that hot-bed of sedition will be called after the boy-king of Spain.

MACAO NOTES.

(*From our own Correspondent.*)

MACAO, February 4th.

We have now got over our English and Portuguese New Year, Russian New Year, and Chinese New Year festivities, and as during the jollifications that have been going on I managed to pick up a few scraps of news I now set me down to prove that my trenchant pen is not yet relegated to the limbo of things that *were*, but are now no more.

Chinese New Year day passed off very tamely, demonstrating, I assume, that the past year has not been so prosperous as usual and consequently our Celestial friends had less coin wherewith to procure crackers and bombs and samshu and all that goes to make the Chinaman's "largest holiday" quite too awfully jolly.

Official news has reached us that some of the hostile tribes in Timor have at last tendered their submission, but some of them are still on the war-path. Things seem to have been pretty badly mismanaged in Timor for no fresh territory has been occupied, no new forts erected, and the natives, I understand, are still able to menace the lives and property of the Portuguese and other law-abiding colonists. In recent issues of the *Macaense* I find articles laying bare a very unsatisfactory state of affairs in Timor. More troops and more dollars will be required to render Timor a safe and profitable colony. This is not as it should be after such a lengthy occupation of the island by the Portuguese.

The Hongkong-built gunboat *Andria* has arrived here. She is destined for Timor and will doubtless greatly terrify the turbulent natives. She is well put together, has fair speed, and should be a valuable acquisition to the Governor of Timor.

I have it from a high authority that the Government intend to rebuild the old Fish Market which was burnt down about two years

ago. It is a foul, badly drained place and cannot be too quickly taken in hand by the greatly overworked P.W.D.

The last boat in from Timor brought the sad news of the death of the Bishop of Macao, who died while on a visit to that island. Born in one of the northern provinces of Portugal in the early forties, Don Antonio Medeiros pursued his studies in a village school until 19 years of age, when he resolved to enter the Church. He studied for a few years at the Seminary of Sernache do Bonjardim and after taking Holy Orders he was sent out to China as a missionary. He was transferred from China to Timor and there worked zealously for several years, ultimately being invited to Macao to take charge of one of the higher classes in the Seminary of St. Joseph. The death of the Right Reverend Bishop Eones leaving the bishopric vacant the ecclesiastical authorities chose Dr. Medeiros for that high office. He always took a great interest in the affairs of Timor and twice travelled to Lisbon to make suggestions for the improvement of the agricultural and sanitary affairs of the island. His sudden, though not wholly unexpected, death leaves a gap in ecclesiastical circles that will not easily be filled. He is a loss to his parishioners, and a great loss to the Church.

Chinese here are going in for glass works and a soap factory. The former is *un fait accompli* and the latter is likely to be a going concern in a month or two.

Trade is dull and the prospects for the summer season not very bright.

Rumours are rife about a rebellion in Kwangtung, but it seems to be hanging fire, like most things Chinese.

AUSTRALIAN NEWS LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

SYDNEY, January 7th.

We have had such a varied assortment of weather lately that, did occasion call for it, columns could be filled on that topic alone. For the holidays I am pleased to say we had bright pleasant days and every pleasure resort, especially those down the harbour, had thousands of visitors. There is a healthy report as to trade, most of the shopkeepers in the city speaking most satisfactorily of the business they have done and are doing. No matter how great a "facer" this colony gets, she always is able to show soon after what Sir George Dibbs called her "wonderful recuperative power."

Some more about Butler, the Mountain murderer. The steamer *Taupo* has arrived at Auckland from the islands and her captain (M'Beth) tells how he met the ship *Swanhilda*, on which Butler is supposed to be, and reported to her captain the whole story, besides giving him newspapers. The steamer's boats crew had strict orders to refrain from holding conversation with those on the ship and were not aware of the object of the visit. Captain Fraser expressed his thanks, but made no remark in reference to Butler's presence on board. Whilst the second mate was with the captain some of the *Swanhilda's* crew came aft and endeavoured to enter into conversation with the boat's crew, remarking, "What are you fellows waiting here?" They replied, "Oh, nothing." One man on the ship, of a stoutish build, with a ginger moustache, seemed somewhat excited and eager to know what the communication from the *Taupo* was. Leaning over the rails he said, "What the'—— do you fellows want? You are after something." One of the boat's crew said, "Oh, our captain only wants to give you the latest news from the world, as you'll be a long time cut off." The man then turned round and made some remark to a companion, but it was not audible. The boat was only alongside for a few minutes, and everything was done with privacy and dispatch. Captain M'Beth further states that had he been bound for Auckland direct at the time, instead of being on his way to Tahiti, he would, if possible, have secured Butler, and brought him a prisoner to this port. As it is he has not the shadow of a doubt that Butler was in irons that night, and will be kept secured until the *Swanhilda* reaches San Francisco.

At about 7 p.m. on the 4th the city was visited by one of the severest storms we have had for many years. During the day the weather had been close and muggy and late in the afternoon a 30 mile breeze came from the N.E. with a little rain. At 7 the wind turned south and in a few minutes was a perfect hurricane, the Government meteorologist recording 71 miles an hour and 39 points of rain were recorded in a short time. Houses were unroofed in all quarters and many big trees were uprooted. In some cases tons of timber and iron were carried 100 ft. away and dumped on top of people's houses, and a shed roof 84 ft. long was thrown some yards away. All the suburbs, shipping in the harbour, and many country stations had a visit from the storm and houses and orchards suffered severely, while the lightning also did some damage.

We have had some intense heat of late, several cases of sunstroke taking place here. I also note that at least two poor swagmen have perished from thirst out in the arid region about Broken Hill.

In connection with the murder of the man Phillips, whose body, with a shot hole in the skull, was found in a bush fire at Cassilis, the police have arrested his two sons, aged 16 and 14 years. Evidence is strong against them and yet they seem quite callous.

I don't know whether John Chinaman uses the divining rod or not, but it is being worked to some purpose in Australia. Up in the dry district of Maranoa, in Queensland, an old chap named Davidson has been putting the drought out of conceit by finding a well of splendid and apparently unfailing water by means of the rod, the bore only going down 15 ft. What do you think of this in the light of modern science?

That festive cuss the larrikin has been distinguishing himself again and just in his old sweet way, by visiting quiet suburban hotels in gangs, refusing to pay for drinks, smashing property, and assaulting harmless inoffensive people. It's a good thing the last Government armed the Police here, or several unfortunate policemen would have had their heads kicked off by the cowardly brutes. One sergeant surprised a gang while wrecking an hotel and under the muzzle of his revolver he marched the lot off in a vehicle and safely locked them up. Another constable was knocked senseless in a row and a comrade had to stand over him revolver in hand to keep the bloodthirsty mob from kicking him to death. Our magistrates are empowered to give the lash to these gentry, but they seldom order it, as there is a lot of maudlin sentiment always on tap when a dose of the "cat" is ordered. The prison life is nothing to these roughs and many come out of goal in better physical trim than when they go in. The militia system has often been suggested as a means of dealing with this "waste product," and perhaps it is worth a trial.

A large carpet snake 22 ft. long, consigned to Governor Bunbo, at Adelaide, caused some stir on one of the Melbourne wharves a few days ago, but snakeship having escaped from the box in which he was sent from Queensland. Next day he was found and an expert from the Zoo managed to lasso him and get him back into captivity.

Not many people of the female persuasion would care about committing suicide through jealousy about a Chinaman, but Janet McKay tried to do so at Melbourne because her love for a pigtailed gent was not returned. She lived in Little Lonsdale Street and tried to cross the border by the belladonna *route*. The stomach pump was got to work and now possibly she is a wiser if not a sicker woman.

It is not often we hear of a priest laying violent hands on any person, and so it came as a surprise to us to hear from Kempsey, on the north coast, that the Rev. Father Mennis, assistant parish priest, and C. Chapman, a visitor, have been committed for trial for kicking and striking the Rev. J. B. Penman, a Primitive Methodist parson, on Xmas Eve. The plaintiff has not since been able to conduct service and his blood-stained nightgown was an "exhibit" in the court.

On Xmas morning a dastardly outrage was perpetrated at the Brilliant Mine, Charters Towers. Three packets of dynamite were stolen from the magazine and exploded at the mouth of the shaft in a bucket. No one was hurt, but big beams fell on houses 300 yards away and windows all around were smashed and other damage done. The estimated cost of the damage is £500. On Xmas Eve the directors entertained all hands at a social gathering and the relations between them are most friendly.

The big sensation that wound up 1896 was the cyclone that devastated the town of Nevertire, out in the west, beyond Bourke. The cyclone was a large one, being six miles wide, and it has left ruin all along its track, rendering many families homeless and destitute. Some of the galvanised iron was carried a couple of miles, and there are only four uninjured places in the town. Churches, school, stores, hotels, shops, &c. are down, and many people and horses have been hurt by the flying fragments. Before the storm burst the heat had been 116 in the shade for four days.

The crew and officers of the barque *Carrick* have arrived here from Eden, where they arrived in their lifeboat. The vessel was going from Newcastle to Valparaiso and when off Cape Howe in a gale she struck some wreckage. She began to leak badly and at last had to be abandoned, her deck being awash. On the last trip of the *Carrick* from Glasgow to Valparaiso, Captain M'Intosh was instrumental in saving the crew of the barque *Gloria*, of Swansea (which he came across dismasted and sinking, between the Falkland Islands and Cape Horn), in the same lifeboat which conveyed his own crew to Eden.

Discussing cricket with me the other day E. Jones, the South Australian bowler, who refused an offer from Sussex, said, "If an English team comes out for the next cricket season—and I don't think there is any doubt on that subject—the side will be a strong one." "It will," he added as an afterthought, "be a red-hot team. The Indian prince is, I fancy, sure to come, despite his strong aversion to the voyage. I don't call him a batsman at all; he's a juggler with a cricket bat. He'll get runs off anything. I used to bump them down to him at my top pace, and Ranji would cut and hook me—balls, too, that rose as high as his forehead."

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

THE CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S REIGN.

A SUGGESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—At the meeting of the Indian Famine Relief Committee, held at the Colonial Secretary's Office on 1st February, the proposal made by Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., that the Committee should place itself in communication with the Committee to be formed for the celebration of Her Majesty's 60th year of reigning and invite them to consider the advisability of devoting part of any funds they raised to the Famine Relief Fund, was, when put to the meeting, negatived. As it appears that the majority of the community of Hongkong are averse to the celebration taking the form of a contribution to the fund for the relief of the starving millions of India (than which no better form of celebration could be found), the time has now arrived when the nature of the celebration or memorial will have to be decided upon.

The memorial of this auspicious occasion should be a lasting one, and calculated to be of use to the residents of Hongkong and not merely ornamental. The more useful purpose to which the fund is put and the more her subjects are benefited thereby the greater will be Her Majesty's appreciation of the steps taken to commemorate and celebrate her record reign. Hongkong may be regarded as the great mart or store-house of the Far East, and upon the expansion of her trade and commerce depends her prosperity and the well-being of her inhabitants. Granting this to be the case, as it undoubtedly is, what better form could the permanent memorial take than the establishment of an Economic Museum? In such a Museum Chinese products and manufactures would be exhibited and visitors or merchants passing through the colony would be enabled to obtain a good idea of the principal articles of trade to be obtained in China. European goods and manufactures would also be on view and the Chinese would be able to inspect the products of the West and compare them with those of their own country or judge of their suitability for import. Here, too, would the globe-trotter come to gather information as to the things he has seen, or that he may expect to see, in his travels through China, and he would return to his home in the West with a far better idea of China and the Chinese than is to be obtained while strolling through the streets of Canton or Hongkong, or from an inspection of the badly lighted, ill-kept, and unclassified collection hidden away in the City Hall.

Should such an institution as suggested above be established in Hongkong, a proper building would have to be provided and built for the purpose. A curator would also be necessary to give all information required as to the products and manufactures exhibited and also to undertake the duty of labelling and properly displaying the exhibits. Surely Hongkong can afford to subscribe as large a sum as Singapore for a memorial which would tend to increase her commerce and at the same time help to open the eyes of the Chinese to the superiority of Western civilisation and manufactures.

Something lasting and of benefit to the community at large is the form Hongkong's memorial should take, instead of the money being spent in empty display or on some merely ornamental addition to the sights of the colony.

Yours faithfully,

CHERKMIN.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1897.

SPORTS & PASTIMES.

YACHTING.

THE M'KIE PRIZES.

The race for Mr. James M'Kie's prizes was sailed on Sunday over a 22-mile course, starting off Kowloon and around the islands of Mawan and Chauk-ing. The boats engaged were:—

FIRST CLASS.

Active.....Mr. H. E. Pollock.
Meteor.....Mr. T. W. Lammert.
Princess.....Mr. Jas. McKie.
Maid Marian.....Mr. J. Hastings.
Phœbe.....Mr. F. H. May.
Erica.....Mr. A. Denison.
Sybil.....Officers, R.E.
Chanticleer.....Mr. C. A. Tomes.

SECOND CLASS.

Dart.....Dr. Clarke.
Payne.....Officers, R.E.
Ladybird.....Mr. E. J. Gifs'.
She.....Mr. E. M. Hazeland.
Rifle.....Mr. W. Hamann.
Eileen.....Capt. Phillips.
Madge.....Mr. J. J. Francis.

At Chunghue Point *Erica* and *Phœbe* were leading in a light S.W. breeze that the others failed to keep, and they had plenty of time in hand passing Convalmon. *Active*, *Ladybird*, *Payne*, *Maid Marian*, and *She* following in this order. The remainder of the fleet had given up. To the finish the race was interesting. *Erica* kept her lead throughout and won the first prize easily. The second goes to *Ladybird*, being won on her time. The times at the line were:—

	Actual			Corrected		
	H.	M.	S.	H.	M.	S.
Erica.....	4	5	25	4	5	25
Maid Marian	5	55	24	5	55	24
Phœbe	5	55	57	5	55	57
Active	6	11	13	6	6	13
Ladybird ...	6	18	15	5	51	15
Payne.....	6	30	15	6	16	15

On Sunday next the Club will sail its seventh race. The course is from a mark boat west of Stonecutter's (starboard), Kowloon Rock (starboard), and Channel Rocks (starboard)—14 miles.

GOLF.

NAVY *v.* ARMY.

The above teams played their return match at Deepwater Bay on the 2nd instant, and some good play was seen on the Army side. The sister service made a poor show, Captain R. M. Rumsey being the only scorer. During the interval the teams enjoyed a capital luncheon. The game was a round of eight holes in the morning and 16 holes in the afternoon.

Following are the scores:—

NAVY.	Holes.
Capt. R. M. Rumsey, R.N.	3
Capt. E. Chichester, R.N.	0
Lieut. James, R.N.	0
Lieut. Keys, R.N.	0
Lieut. Earle, R.N.	0
Capt. Trotman, R.M.L.I.	0
Total	3

ARMY.	Holes.
Rev. G. R. Vallings.....	0
Major Grant Dalton, W.Y.R.....	0
Mr. T. N. Howard, W.Y.R.....	4
Lieut. W. M. Thompson, R.E.	6
Mr. F. H. Pellew, W.Y.R.	1
Mr. M. D. Wood, W.Y.R.	5
Total	16

A football match between the Hongkong Football Club and the Garrison, was played yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley. The Club won by 4 goals to *nil*.

THE BRITISH NAVY.

The *Saturday Review* protests against the Government's attitude on the question of the strength of the British navy, and asserts that their decision seems counter to the opinions of the ablest authorities, and is too important to escape frank criticism. There has not been an abler naval strategist since Nelson than the late Sir Geoffrey Hornby, and he was wont to declare that the growth of our commerce and the increased difficulties of blockade owing to steam made it necessary for us to maintain a fleet of battleships at least half as strong again as the combined fleets of France and Russia, and the alliance now existing between these Powers only strengthens his contention.

When the question changes from ships to seamen there is no better authority than Lord Charles Beresford, and in spite of his stalwart Conservatism he has felt himself obliged to declare that our fleet is at present terribly undermanned and our Naval Reserve entirely insufficient for war needs. And in regard to the general political situation and the aims of France and Russia, there is no one in or out of the Ministry better informed than Sir Charles Dilke, and for months past, Radical though he is, Sir Charles Dilke has been pressing us to increase rather than diminish our expenditure on the Navy.

And yet the Government is about to stop supplies and cut down expenditure. Can it be, as pessimists whisper, that they do this, not because they love the Navy less, but because they love the landed interest more, and are contemplating, for party purposes, increased doles to agriculture? We refuse to believe this rumour. It may be, however, that a creditable desire to take a penny or so off the income-tax is the *causa causans* of the Government's decision. We cannot help deploring the untimely economy. We can only hope that public opinion may yet induce our Government to modify its decision. Our Navy should be brought up to the minimum required by Sir Geoffrey Hornby; it should at least be half as strong again as the combined fleets of France and Russia, and that would be but a small insurance on our immense commerce.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1895.

Barometer 30.141
Thermometer 57.3
Humidity 79.
Rainfall..... 1.76 inches.

TO-DAY,
WEATHER REPORT.

	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.28	30.19
Thermometer	49	49
Humidity.....	93	89
Rainfall	0.09	

Friday, 5th February, 1897.

Chinese.—*5th of 1st moon of 23rd year of*
Jewish.—*3rd Adar, 5657.* [*Kwong-sü.*
Mohammedan.—*2nd Ramadan, 1314.*
(Fast month.)

Sun—*Rises* *6hr. 47min.*
Sets *5hr. 47min.*
Moon.—*In Equator* *6hr. a.m.*
High water—*Morning* *11hr. 56min.*
Afternoon *11hr. 16min.*
Low water—*Morning* *5hr. 30min.*
Afternoon *5hr. 1min.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1773—Order of St. Patrick instituted.
1865—The Spanish brig *Nuevo Lepanto* taken by two pirate junks near Lantao, while on her way from Hongkong to Macao.
1877—Kioto Railway opened by the Emperor of Japan.
1880—Petition presented by the Chinese praying the Hongkong Government to make the Japanese yen a legal tender in the Colony.
1889—Riot at Chinkiang; British and American Consulates burned down.

TO-MORROW,
Saturday, 6th February, 1897.

Chinese.—*6th of 1st moon of 23rd year of*
Jewish.—*4th Adar, 5657.* [*Kwong-sü.*
Mohammedan.—*3rd Ramadan, 1314.*
(Fast month.)

Sun—*Rises* *6hr. 46min.*
Sets *5hr. 48min.*
High water—*Afternoon* *0hr. 18min.*
Afternoon *11hr. 38min.*
Low water—*Morning* *5hr. 58min.*
Afternoon *5hr. 47min.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1792—Battle of Seringapatam.
1838—Sir Henry Irving born.
1840—The Spanish Envoy Halcon arrived at Macao to demand satisfaction from the Chinese for the burning of the Spanish brig *Ethalino*.
1896—British Residents appointed to the Federated Malay States.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

American (*Peru*) to-morrow.
India and Straits (*Chelydra*) to-morrow.
English (*Rohilla*) 8th inst.
Tacoma (*Braemar*) 8th inst.
German (*Preussen*) 12th inst.
American (*Coptic*) 13th inst.
American (*City of Rio de Janeiro*) 20th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) 25th inst.
Tacoma (*Tacoma*) 3rd prox.
American (*Gaelic*) 4th prox.

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We are informed by the Agents of the Austrian Lloyd's S. N. Co. that the Company's steamer *Meduza* left Kobe for this port this morning.

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SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 6 p.m. yesterday to 6 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Wuotan.....	steamer,	from	Saigon
Java	,,	,,	London
Maria Richmers ...	,,	,,	Singapore
Bylgia	,,	,,	Taiwanfoo
Rio	,,	,,	Singapore
Hunan	,,	,,	Wuhu
Pingsuey	,,	,,	Singapore
Daphne	,,	,,	Saigon
Queen Victoria.....	ship	,,	Barry Dock
Eurydice	,,	,,	London

Aggregating 15,421 tons register.

DEPARTURES.

Benmohr steamer,	for	Shanghai	
Patriarch	,,	,,	Shanghai
Thales	,,	,,	Swatow
Wosang	,,	,,	Canton
Lysemoon	,,	,,	Canton
Peiyang	,,	,,	Canton
Nanyang	,,	,,	Canton
Matterhorn	barque	,,	San Francisco

Aggregating 9,623 tons register.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Lahn.....	in	Kowloon	Dock.
Altmore	,,	,,	,,
Empress of India	,,	,,	,,
Independent.....	,,	,,	,,
Zafiro	,,	,,	,,
Cosmopolit	,,	,,	,,
Nanchang	,,	Cosmopolitan	,,
Taiyuan	,,	,,	,,
Myrmidon	,,	Aberdeen	,,

PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD—5th January—*Autenor*, *Obi*, *Sikh*. 8th January—*Benvenue*, *Java*, *Templar*. 15th January.—*Breconshire*, *Tsenhai*. 19th January—*Dardanus*, *Irene*. 22nd January—*Ixion*, *Pahwan*, *Prussien*, *Aga*, *Candia*, 26th January—*Agamemnon*, *Melbourne*, *Oolong*, *Dethe Richmers*, *Normandie*. 29th January.—*Melpomene*, *Oceana*, *Ketlong*, *St. Andrews*. 2nd Feb.—*Aglaia*, *Ernest Simons*, *Cyrus*, *Dordogne*, *Glaucus*.

HOMEWARD—29th January.—*Bayern*, *Hector*. 2nd February—*Yarra*, *Cassius*.

BE CAREFUL WITH THAT LAMP!

I SINCERELY hope that Mrs. Filmer has abandoned the custom of keeping an oil lamp burning in her room of nights. She does not say what the necessity was, but I trust it no longer exists. If possible to avoid it, no lights should burn in a room wherein people are sleeping. The reasons ought to be plain enough, yet we all need lessons in common caution. This lady had hers, and was fortunate in coming out of the affair as well as she did.

Writing about it she says: "It was in the summer of 1886, not long after the death of my husband. I had been used to keeping an oil lamp burning in my room for convenience during the night. One night I accidentally overturned the lamp, and a blaze kindled in an instant. Terrified half out of my wits I sprang from bed, seized the burning articles and ran downstairs with them just in time to prevent further disaster. Happily for me I escaped with slight burns, but not from consequences of another kind.

"The fright and shock quite prostrated me. Do what I would, after the danger was all over, I was unable to banish the subject from my thoughts. My nerves seemed completely unhinged, and I rapidly grew feeble, excitable, and debilitated. My appetite failed, and I had no relish for my ordinary food. There was a bad taste in my mouth, headache, distress after eating, loss of flesh and ambition, with a disposition to worry and fret over things which, when I was well, had no influence with me whatever. I sought to build up my strength with beef tea and other nutritious and digestible forms of diet, without success.

"The doctors whom I consulted said I was suffering from nervous debility and weakness. They gave me prescriptions, which the chemist made up for me, but they had no effect; and what I suffered I have no words to tell you. My health appeared to have been all broken up suddenly, as a railway train goes to pieces in a collision. Month after month I struggled with this strange ailment, but could find no remedy to relieve me. Not until January, 1887, did I see my way out of the trouble which followed my adventure of that fearful night.

"At that time (January, 1887) I chanced to come upon a little book about Mother Seigel's Syrup, as a cure for indigestion and dyspepsia and the complaints attending it. Letters that were printed in that book from others who had been cured by this remedy, gave me confidence, and I got a bottle from Mr. J. H. Brown, patent medicine dealer, 15, High Street, Margate. After taking it I felt decidedly better. I could eat and digest needed food; my nerves were more under control, and I got better sleep and rest. I will merely add that, feeling sure that Mother Seigel's Syrup was helping me, I continued to take it, and eventually recovered my health. For this I thank Mother Seigel's Syrup; and if you think so singular an experience as mine would be of interest or use to any one, you may have my consent to publish it. (Signed) (Mrs.) C. L. Filmer, Thanet Cottage, Draper's Road, Margate, July 24th, 1895."

Now I invite the reader's attention to a double fact: First (as is daily shown in these articles), that indigestion will disorder and disease the nervous system; and (second) that a violent shock to the nervous system will produce indigestion of a profound and intractable type. The latter fact is illustrated by the case we are now considering. There is no space here to treat of it at length. Let it suffice for the present that, either way, the remedy must be addressed to the digestion—*not* to the nerves. No competent physician treats a so-called "nervous" disease *as* a nervous disease. He seeks for the *location* of the evil force, which is commonly the stomach; corrects *that* if he can, and leaves the nerves to right themselves as they always do. This is what Mother Seigel's Syrup did for Mrs. Filmer, and will do for you, in case (which Providence forbid) you are ever overthrown in like manner.—*Adv.*

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
BILLIARD TABLES.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
TO-MORROW
(SATURDAY), the 6th February, 1897,
commencing at 2.30 P.M.,
at his SALES ROOMS, DUDDELL STREET.
ONE THURSTON'S ENGLISH, Full Sized BILLIARD TABLE, with BALLS, &c., &c.
ONE SMALL PARLOUR BILLIARD TABLE and CUES.

Also
A QUANTITY OF
JAPANESE BAMBOO FURNITURE.
TERMS OF SALE:—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1897. [226

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
DRAPERY AND OUTFITTING.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
TO-MORROW
(SATURDAY), the 6th February, 1897,
commencing at 2.45 P.M.
A QUANTITY OF
GENTLEMEN'S DRAPERY,
Comprising:—
TWEEDS, COATINGS and TROWSERINGS CUT into SUITABLE LENGTHS, SUNDRY READY MADE CLOTH & LINEN CLOTHING, &c., &c.
WHITE CANVAS and WHITE DORSKIN SHOES, BLACK LACE BOOTS and SHOES, SILK BRACES, KID GLOVES, PAJAMAS SUITS, TENNIS FLANNEL, PIECES of WOOL, FLANNEL, &c., &c.

Also
A SMALL QUANTITY OF
LADIES' DRAPERY,
Comprising:—
WOOL DRESS MATERIALS, SERGES, HOSIERY, FANCY TRIMMINGS, &c., &c., &c.
On View from FRIDAY, the 5th February.
TERMS OF SALE:—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1897. [236

Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL.
CITY HALL.

TO-MORROW
(SATURDAY), 6TH FEBRUARY,
AT 9 P.M.

A GRAND MILITARY CONCERT will be given by
The FULL BAND, DRUMS and FIFES of the
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PLAN at W. ROBINSON & Co.'s Music Rooms, Queen's Road.
Prices of Admission:—$2.00, $1.00, & 50 cents.
SAM MARKS,
Manager.

N.B.—The 14th Regiment (now WEST YORKSHIRE) having taken part in the Battle of Waterloo, their Regimental March "Ca-ira" will be played as well as the "British Grenadiers."
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1897. [69

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB
WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES OF
"LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE,"
ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:—
MONDAY, the 15th February, 1897.
SATURDAY, the 20th February, 1897.
MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1897.
WEDNESDAY, the 24th February, 1897.
SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1897.
TUESDAY, the 2nd March, 1897.

Doors Open each Night at 8.30 P.M.
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Half-price to Soldiers, Sailors and Police in Uniform.
LATE TRAMS will run ½ hour after the fall of the Curtain.
The BOOKING OFFICE at the THEATRE ROYAL will be open on and after
WEDNESDAY, the 10th February,
From 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. daily.
E. W. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [214

Intimations.

JURY LIST, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of *The Jury Consolidation Ordinance No. 18 of 1887*, I have this day caused to be posted at the chief entrance to the COURT HOUSE, A LIST OF ALL PERSONS ascertained by me to be liable to serve as JURORS. The Names of SPECIAL JURORS are shewn therein in Italics.

The said List will remain so posted until the 15th instant, in order that any PERSON may apply by Notice in Writing to me requiring that his Name or the Name of some other PERSON may be respectively either added to or struck off from the said List upon cause to be duly assigned in such Notice.

J. W. NORTON-KYSHE,
Registrar.
Registry, Supreme Court,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1897. [229

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 8 PER CENT., or $1.20 per Share, DECLARED at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This Day, will be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after MONDAY, the 1st February, 1897.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply to the OFFICE of the COMPANY for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1896. [215

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 9th February, 1897, at 12 o'clock (NOON), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Twelve Months ending the 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 29th Jan., to TUESDAY, the 9th February (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.
Agents for the
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [161

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 13th day of February next, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Account to 31st December, 1896.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1897. [196

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS OF SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 30th January current, to SATURDAY, the 13th day of February next (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1897. [197

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 15th February, at Twelve o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 15th idem, both days inclusive.

By Order,
GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1897. [183

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1897, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1896, and of approving by resolution of the proposed purchase of Hung-Ham Inland Lots Nos. 171 and 172 and of the proposed extensions to Kowloon Marine Lot No. 27 and to Hung-Ham Marine Lot No. 1 on terms to be stated.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1897. [207

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Pedder's Street, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1897, at 12.30 of the clock in the afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [218

Intimations.

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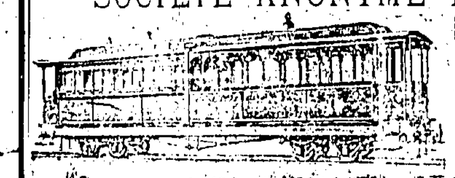
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Hongkong, 22nd January, 1897. [1766

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Hongkong, 27th January, 1897. [194

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1897. [195

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

THE OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY'S PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1897.

(Subject to Alteration.)

Monmouthshire | Saturday ... | 13th February.

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THE Steamship

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will be despatched hence for VICTORIA, (B.C.), and PORTLAND, OREGON, *via* KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 13th February.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in QUADRUPLICATE; and one Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT, Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1897. [175

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINGTU,"

Captain Innes, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 15th instant, at 3 P.M.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [201

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THE Company's Steamship

"BULLMOUTH,"

Captain Davies, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 20th instant.

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Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [243

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THE Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG,"

Captain W. Waddilove, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 6th instant, at 5 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1897. [231

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"KANSU,"

Captain Sommerville, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 6th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, 3rd February, 1897. [217

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN,"

Captain J. S. Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 7th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1897. [234

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"MYRMIDON,"

Captain Gardner, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 7th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1897. [155

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

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Commander McKenzie, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 9th instant, at 4 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [146

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

THE Company's Steamship

"DEUCALION,"

Captain B. Branch, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 9th instant, at 4 P.M.

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Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [217

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THE Company's Steamship

"HIROSHIMA MARU,"

Captain G. Shimozu, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 11th instant, at Noon.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1897 [242

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JAPAN-AUSTRALIA LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract.)

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

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Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [241

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THE Company's Steamship

"PRIAM,"

Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 13th February.

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Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [218

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FOR TIENTSIN (DIRECT).

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"KWEIYANG,"

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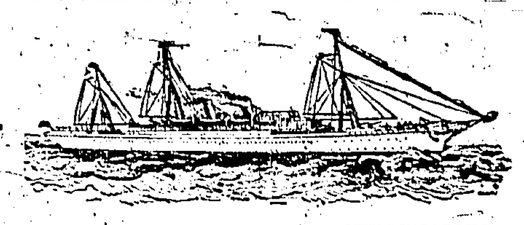
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D. E. BROWN, General Agent, *Pedder's Street.*

Hongkong, 20th January, 1897. [3

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TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE; VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) } Tuesday, 23rd Feb., at Noon.

Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) } Saturday, 13th March, at Noon.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) } Thursday, 1st April, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"COPTIC"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 23rd February, 1896, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

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Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1897. [2

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... } Saturday, 13th Feb., at Noon.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) } Tuesday, 2nd March, at Noon.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)..... } Tuesday, 23rd March, at Noon.

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"PERU"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 13th February, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

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Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

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Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officers in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [1

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Hongkong, 9th March 1896 [78

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(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship

"MIRZAPORE,"

Captain J. F. Jephson, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 11th February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *viâ* Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1897. [5

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Braemar	3,601	Thursday...	Feb. 18.
Tacoma	2,549	Tuesday ...	Mar. 2.
Victoria	3,167	Tuesday...	Mar. 23.
Olympia	2,608	Tuesday ...	April 13.
Braemar	3,601	Tuesday ...	May 4.

THE Steamship

"BRAEMAR,"

Captain Porter, sailing at Noon, on THURSDAY, the 11th February, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.), and TACOMA (Wash.), *via* SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [4

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Preussen	Tuesday...	2nd March.
Sachsen	Tuesday...	30th March.
Bayern	Tuesday...	27th April.
Prinz Heinrich ...	Tuesday...	25th May.

ON TUESDAY, the 2nd day of March, 1897, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PREUSSEN," Captain P. Wettin, with MAILS, PASSENGRS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on SATURDAY, the 27th Feb. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 1st March, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on MONDAY, the 1st March. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation, and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

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For further Particulars, apply to

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